

LECOM Suncoast Classic

ROUND 2 QUOTES

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MILES RUSSELL (-8)

Q. Well, Miles, you became the youngest player to make a cut in a Korn Ferry Tour event. What's that mean to you?

MILES RUSSELL: That's pretty cool, I did not know that. That's a cool one to have.

Q. We talked a little bit yesterday, maybe not the most nostalgic in keeping memories from tournaments, but does that kind of feel good or mean something to you that you'll remember going forward?

MILES RUSSELL: Oh, definitely remember that one. That's a cool one for me. It's a cool record and hopefully it can get broken. I don't know, we'll see.

Q. So today, just talk us through your round today. What went well out there for you?

MILES RUSSELL: I putted it well obviously. I hit it better than yesterday. I didn't quite have as many up-and-downs like yesterday, so definitely was a little better. I had a game plan and I kind of stuck to it all the way through. Didn't quite execute the way I wanted to on the back side, but it was fun.

Q. What kind of expectations did you have coming into this week?

MILES RUSSELL: I don't know, I didn't really have any. The goal was to make the cut and kind of see where that could go if I did, see how it goes this weekend.

Q. So you made the cut and kind of more than that, put yourself in a decent spot going into the weekend. Just kind of what are your thoughts going into it? Is it just all kind of gravy on top of everything or what do you think going into the weekend now?

MILES RUSSELL: I don't know, we'll see. Kind of keep trying to do what I've been doing. I don't know what the weather looks like the next few days, I think it's pretty much the same. I mean, to have a day like today and maybe make a few less mistakes and see how it goes.

Q. Is this your first pro event?

MILES RUSSELL: It is, yeah.

Q. First pro event, first made cut?



MILES RUSSELL: Um-hmm, one for one.

Q. How does that feel?

MILES RUSSELL: Great. I mean, I think I made it by three? I mean, pretty cool. Looking forward to what's next.

Q. You've got to be feeling good right now to see how your game stacks up against professionals. I mean, did you kind of think about that coming into this week to measure your game?

MILES RUSSELL: I knew it was going to be a good test to see where I am against some of the best. It's definitely something I'll remember even when times will get hard, I'll remember it when that happens and go with the flow.

Q. What's the most memorable part of this week so far?

MILES RUSSELL: The putt on 18 was pretty cool right there. I made an eagle putt today on 9, probably 40 feet from the front left to the bottom right there. That one was cool because I was kind of due for a long one almost and kind of had a feeling and it happened.

Q. And then if there's one thing that you want the world to know about you, what would it be?

MILES RUSSELL: Oh, I don't know. I'd say I'm pretty calm for the most part, pretty cool and collected. Hopefully that's what it looks like. Hopefully it stays the same.

Q. And then the record that you broke today, it's been standing since 2006, Gipper Finau was the last and he was 16 years old. Just kind of initial thoughts on breaking that record?

MILES RUSSELL: I mean, you know, I'm kind of speechless. The goal was to make the cut and we made it, so we'll see where the weekend goes. Just, I mean, it's a cool record to break. I don't know how much longer -- I mean, people are getting so good, so young. It could hold out for a week, you never know, but it's pretty cool right now.

Q. Do you have any hobbies outside of golf?

MILES RUSSELL: I do a lot of schoolwork. I go fishing every once in a while, play pickleball. Kind of up for anything after golf.

Q. What's your favorite subject?

MILES RUSSELL: I like math, I like math. I play golf, so kind of have to like math.



Q. Do you use math in your golf game at all?

MILES RUSSELL: Just a little bit. I mean, use it on every shot, thinking about it walking down the fairway, thinking about it for five hours, so you better like it if you want to do this.

Q. When did you first pick up a club?

MILES RUSSELL: I was 2, walking around the house. Slowly transitioned to go outside and hit a couple in the back, then we're here.

Q. A few years ago would you have expected that you would compete in your first pro event and then make the cut?

MILES RUSSELL: You know, I wasn't -- I don't know, last year was a big year for me. This is a good start for this year, maybe just be another big year, I don't know. We'll see how the rest of the year goes. Who knows, next year it could be even crazier.

Q. What other events are you competing in this year?

MILES RUSSELL: Playing some AJGAs and some elite am stuff in June and July.

Q. Any more pro events in the future?

MILES RUSSELL: I'm playing in the Butterfield in November, so I got an exemption into that and looking forward to it.

Q. And then from here obviously you're playing the weekend. What's the goal for the rest of the weekend?

MILES RUSSELL: I think the goal would be top-25. To get into next week would be really cool. I don't know. That's definitely the top goal and maybe something comes more of that, but we'll see.

Q. Do you remember when you first broke par?

MILES RUSSELL: I was probably 6, obviously from the tees you're supposed to play when you're 6, but yeah.

